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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
August 30, 2007**

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**MINUTES**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

**Committee Members Present**

Supervisor Gary Ovitt	President
Supervisor Yvonne Burke	Immediate Past President
Councilmember Richard Dixon	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Councilmember Harry Baldwin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Councilmember Debbie Cook	Chair, EEC
Councilmember Jon Edney	Chair, CEHD
Councilmember Alan Wapner	Chair, TCC

**Committee Member Absent**

Mayor Ron Loveridge	Chair, Administration
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**Staff Present**

Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director  
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer  
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy  
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services  
Joann Africa, Interim Chief Counsel  
Colin Lennard, General Counsel  
Sylvia Patsaouras, Acting Director, Gov Affairs  
Rhonda Lawrence, Human Resources  
Judy Owens, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Ovitt.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments.

### **3.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

#### **3.1 Approval Items**

Item 3.1.9 and 3.1.10 were pulled. Motion was made (Baldwin) to approve the remaining consent calendar. Motion was seconded (Edney) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.1 Minutes of August 2, 2007 Meeting

3.1.2 Government & Public Affairs Classification Study Results

3.1.3 Contracts over \$250,000

3.1.4 FY 2008-2009 Comprehensive Budget Development Schedule

3.1.5 RCP Sustainability Conference

3.1.6 Sponsorship of the 2008 Faster Freight/Cleaner Air Conference

3.1.7 Contract Manual Amendment

3.1.8 Implementation regarding GASB Irrevocable Trust

#### **3.2 Receive & File**

3.2.1 Contracts/Purchase and MOUs  
Between \$5,000 - \$250,000

#### **Pulled**

3.1.9 Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 1

Joann Africa, Interim Chief Counsel, reported that the TCC approved the public participation plan with a condition that comments received by FHWA be addressed. The item will be brought next month for consideration.

3.1.10 Legislative Update

Jeff Dunn, Government Affairs, gave a brief status report on pending legislation. SB 375 (Steinberg) has become a two-year bill and will be considered next year. A full report will be presented to the CEHD next month. In addition an update on SB 974 (Lowenthal) was also presented.

## **4.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.1 Discussion/Approval Items**

#### **4.1.1 SCAG /Board Consultant Staff for the President/Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee discussed providing assistance to the President/Executive Committee. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made (Edney) authorizing a pilot program giving the President the authority to hire a staff person, that would provide assistance on a part time basis on SCAG matters. It was also recommended that \$35,000 be allocated to cover the position. Motion seconded by (Dixon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Councilmember Edney also recommended that staff review the SCAQMD structure and provide a recommendation for an assistant for incoming Presidents. There were no objections.

In addition there was discussion regarding staff assistance being provided for the chairs of the policy committees. Jim Gosnell was asked to report back with a set of recommendations at the next meeting.

#### **4.1.2 Investment Subcommittee Report**

Wayne Moore, CFO, reported that the Administration Committee re-activated the Investment Subcommittee. The investment subcommittee recommended approving an agreement to set up an irrevocable trust for health care benefits for retirees. He stated that the Administration Committee previously approved the Agreement.

In addition the committee recommended amending the statement of investment policy to incorporate the following changes into the policy manual: 1) Title change for specific staff; 2) Language identifying investment types per the California Government Code, 3) Add the irrevocable trust for health care benefits; and 4) Authorize staff to adjust the supplemental pension benefits.

Motion was made (Wapner) to approve and incorporate the above changes into the policy manual. Motion was seconded (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

#### **4.1.3 Merit Pay Program**

The merit pay program will be considered at the September 20, 2007 meeting.

## **Discussion/Approval Items – Cont'd**

### **4.1.4 Update on Executive Search**

Heather Reuschler, Ralph Anderson & Associates, distributed a draft brochure for the position of Executive Director. After members of the committee reviewed and discussed the draft brochure, a motion was made (Edney) to approve the release of the brochure. Motion was seconded (Wapner) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

## **5.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **5.1 Appointments**

#### **Administration Committee**

Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme, representing VCOG

#### **Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees**

From SANBAG	To CEHD:	Hon. Kelly Chastain, Colton
	To EEC:	Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands
		Hon. Penny Lilburn, Highland
	To TCC:	Hon. Mark Nuaimi, Fontana

#### **The Force for Change**

Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach  
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace

#### **Benchmarks Task Force**

Barry Engelberg, OCTA  
Lamont "Monty" Hempel, University of Redlands  
Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, UCLA

### **5.2 Announcement**

President Ovitt announced that the press conference held on Wednesday, August 8, 2007, with Senator Boxer was very successful. He noted that a senate hearing on air quality issues will be held in the Inland Empire on Thursday, October 11, 2007

### **5.3 Bottled Water**

Supervisor Ovitt reported that after discussing the bottled water issue, it was agreed to place a water machine in each committee conference room. There were no objections.

## **6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- 6.1 The Executive Director's report was distributed to the EC. Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy, presented information on the Goods Movement Bond projects.

In addition it was reported that there may be a need to have an additional meeting for purposes of discussing the status of the TCIF projects review. The committee agreed meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>, if needed.

Mr. Gosnell announced that the recruitment for Chief Legal Counsel has been completed. Joe Burton was selected to serve in this capacity. Mr. Burton previously served as Chief Counsel for the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority.

## **7.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Motion was made (Baldwin) to enter into closed session. Motion was seconded (Edney) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- 7.1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))  
City of La Mirada v. SCAG; City of Irvine v. SCAG

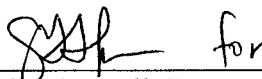
The General Counsel and Legal staff updated the Executive Committee regarding the status of the litigation related to the RHNA. No final action was taken.

- 7.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
(Government §54957) Title: Executive Director

The Executive Committee reviewed the performance evaluation of the Executive Director. No final action was taken.

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Executive Committee adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2007.

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Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive  
Director